



In everything we do today, we're following Jesus and his way

School Newsletter

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Autumn Term 2018

Thursday 13 December 2018

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Merits... Each week, teachers nominate children in their class to receive a special merit. This could be in recognition for working hard, achieving something particular, being a good friend, or any number of reasons that show that they are living up to the school motto - 'In everything we do today, we are following Jesus and his way.' The following children were chosen by their teachers to receive special merits last week in assembly (*CM = class merit*)
RB - CM, Lois **RS** - CM, Brodie **RW** - CM, Antoinette, Ethan **1K** - CM, Veronica, Viktor **1KO** - CM, Anna, George **1P** - CM **2G** - CM, Christian **2NS** - CM, Rily, James **2U** - CM, Megan, Jake **3BK** - Christopher, Darragh **3M** - Aine, Angelina **3OT** - Callum, Caiden **4K** - Jack, Issie **4M** - Debora, Jayden **4W** - Conor, Brodie **5C** - CM **5G** - CM, Marius, Lily **5OS** - Lottie, Heloise **6A** - CM, Oliwia, Cindy **6M** - Shae, Lily **6S** - Mercedes, Emmanuela ...*congratulations everyone!*


Singing in Grange Park

On Monday, some enthusiastic members of the school band and choir travelled to Home Willow Close in Grange Park to sing and play for the elderly residents there. As well as some traditional sing-along carols, the musicians played some Christmas tunes and some notable solos. After the music, and reinvigorated with juice and biscuits, they spent some time chatting to the residents and were very disappointed when it was time to leave. This lovely morning was organised by Mrs Byrne-Whelehan who accompanied the music on violin along with Marina, our pianist. What a lovely morning!

Calendars and Puds

There are still some 2019 school calendars for sale following the Christmas Fair. They are £7 each with all proceeds going to the PTA. The calendars are lovely and feature a self portrait of all the children in school.

There are also some Christmas puddings left over. These are £4 each and come highly recommended, and we are down to our last few. A tasty way to support the PTA!

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Next Week in School

Friday 14 December
No Mass before school
Reconciliation for Years 4, 5 and 6

Sunday 16 December
Parish Carol Concert 3pm

Monday 17 December
Year 6 carol service 7pm

Tuesday 18 December
Christmas lunch

Wednesday 19 December
Class Christmas parties

Friday 21 December
School Mass in the school hall at 9.30am (5G)
School closes for Christmas **2pm**

The last couple of weeks at school have been so busy. If the wonderful performances by our reception and key stage 1 children last week really made us feel that our Christmas preparations had meaningfully begun, then the wonderful 'Hansel and Gretel' performed by year 5 has truly put us into the Christmas spirit. Congratulations to everyone involved as it was a great show and definitely allowed the children to demonstrate how talented they are. I am tremendously appreciative of all the staff who pulled together, including those from different parts of the school, to create such a brilliant spectacle in the face of staff illness - what an achievement! We wish year 3 the best of luck for their carol service assembly this afternoon and look forward with eager anticipation to the year 6 carol service at church on Monday evening. As there is reconciliation this week, and whole-school Mass next week and on the first week back after Christmas, there will now be no 8.25am Mass on Friday until 18 January.

Personal Safety

Last week I informed you about a worrying attack on a young lady in Enfield, now I'm sorry to report some incidents that have been described as 'muggings' of teenagers that have happened near Enfield Grammar School. The victims in these cases are only a little older than primary aged children and some of the target goods, such as phones, are often carried by our older children. If your child walks home from school alone or is out with friends during the weekend, please reinforce the basic police advice: walk to and from school in groups, not alone. Stick to the main roads, and make sure they are aware of what is going on around them rather than head down on phones.

*"A smile is the beginning of peace."
(Saint Teresa of Calcutta)*

Upcoming Dates

Advance warning of some key school dates...

Mon 7 Jan	teacher training day - school closed
Tues 8 Jan	school opens for the spring term
Mon 21 Jan	2G story café
Tues 22 Jan	2U story café
Weds 23 Jan	2NS story café
Thurs 31 Jan	year 6 SATs parents' meeting

English for Speakers of Other Languages

Did you know that we have 27 languages other than English as first languages at St George's? If English is not your first language, then a course on English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) might just be for you! Details of upcoming courses organised by Barnet and Southgate College have been put onto our school website and can be found by following the 'parent information' tabs.

Curious Mathematicians' Club

Spring term

Over the past 4 terms, Sara Tilley - a maths consultant - has been running a maths tuition club for year 6 called The Curious Mathematicians' Club. It is a five week club with a limit of 20 places that will be run on a Monday after school starting on Monday 14th January 2019. The programme focus for the next club will be understanding, reasoning and problem solving about multiplication and division.

Sara challenges her mathematicians to think and communicate mathematically using paired and group problem solving and reasoning activities. The weekly hour and a half session is packed full of a wide variety of mathematical experiences to motivate and engage learners. This is a fantastic opportunity for children of all abilities to experience maths being taught by a specialist who will not only improve their skills but help them to develop a real love and enthusiasm for the subject!

If you would like your child to attend 'The Curious Mathematicians' Club', please could you email Sara Tilley - curiousmaths1@gmail.com If a Monday after school does not suit, Sara also runs a Saturday school. Email Sara for more information.

Your PTA Needs YOU

Over the past few weeks we have informed you of the looming crisis in the PTA with the current committee leaving office and no replacements being found. I would like to thank those of you who have spoken to the present PTA, expressing interest in the role. There is still an opportunity for those of you who would like to get involved in school life in this way to become part of the future PTA. Please speak to the current PTA members or contact the school office and we will put you in touch with the appropriate people.

With the current funding in education being at such a critically low level, PTA funding is pretty much the only way that we can provide the children with many of the additional resources that we take for granted. A great example of this is the Christmas art materials that are currently being used in class. For larger projects such as our Rosary Sensory Garden, it is the only way in which these can be provided for the children.

Raising funds through working with the PTA can be hard work, but it is also rewarding and can be good fun. It is a wonderful way for parents to contribute to the life of the school in a very meaningful and valuable way.



I was sent this lovely photograph of the team that represented our school at the IF3 sports competition at Lee Valley Leisure Centre back on Friday 5 October. Some of the children have written about the competition and this will be posted on the school website.

Our Mission Statement

Following Jesus and His way, we

Aim to be the best we can be and to respect everyone. We

Inspire each other to learn, play and pray

Together as children, staff, home and Parish. We grow in

Holiness by putting Love into Action every day.



Eagle-eyed parents will have noticed our school mission statement beautifully illustrated around the school. Once again, we thank the marvellous PTA for their support in helping us to bring the fruits of the working party's labour to life.

Admissions

Admissions are now open for applications for reception places September 2019. Parents can apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk before the deadline of **Monday 15 January**. You can select 6 preferences and these need to be thought through carefully. If applying for a faith school such as St George's, you also need to complete an additional form, called a SIF (Supplementary Information Form) which is obtainable from and returnable to the school. Parents can change preferences online up to the **15 January** deadline. If you change address then proof needs to be sent to Admissions service (please let us know too). An Email and phone number for parents requiring further information is shown below: enfield.school.admissions@enfield.gov.uk, 0208 379 5501.

You can also, of course, speak to me at any time if you have any queries. If you have a friend or family member wanting a place at St George's for September, please could you alert them to this information.